

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-18, drawn to electronic camera including an imaging device and a recording device, classified in class 348, subclass 222.1; and

Group II, claims 19-30, drawn to an image reproducing means, classified in class 386, subclass 124.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-18.

As conceded by the Examiner, claim 31 is a linking claim. As such, upon allowance of the linking claim 31, the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions shall be withdrawn and any claim(s) depending from or otherwise including all the limitations of the allowable linking claim 31 will be entitled to examination in the instant application.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Carolyn T. Baumgardner (Reg. No. 41,345) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an

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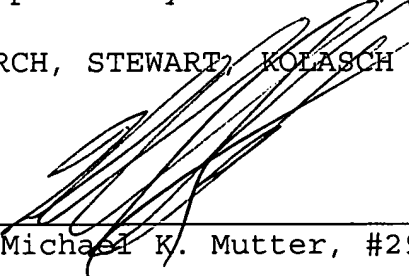
interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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